

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
WILDLIFE PROGRAM**

September 18, 2012

TO: Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission

FROM: Steve Pozzanghera, Eastern Regional Director/WDFW Wolf Policy Lead

SUBJECT: Wolf Conservation and Management Activities Update

The following is a compilation of wolf management activities from the Wildlife and Enforcement Program reports (both Regions and Headquarters) from the week of Sep. 10-16, 2012.

Region 1

District 1 (Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille counties)

Enforcement and Wildlife Program staff including Wildlife Officers Dan Anderson, Pam Taylor, and Nick Parkert along with District Wildlife Biologist Dana Base responded to a report from the Diamond M Ranch on 9/12/2012 of a dead Hereford calf in the Wedge. The calf carcass was closely examined and photographed with notes taken, and reports prepared back at the office.

Regional Wildlife Program Manager Kevin Robinette received a message on Sept. 17 from his colleague with Idaho Department of Fish and Game (Jim Hayden of Couer d'Alene) that a wolf legally killed by a hunter on Sept. 15 had Washington ear tags. It was taken from the Kalispell Creek area.

Region 2 & 3

District 6 (Okanogan County), District 7 (Chelan & Douglas counties), District 8 (Kittitas & Yakima counties)

Wolf technician Gabe Spence assisted Biologist Ben Maletzke in trapping efforts within the Lookout Pack territory this week. There are currently 17 remote cameras deployed in Regions 2 & 3. Work this week again refocuses on checking existing camera traps and placing additional cameras in new areas.

Olympia headquarters – Wildlife Program –Carnivore Section – Wolf

Capture work – In the Salmo Pack area of Pend Oreille County, Wolf Biologist Paul Frame captured an adult female (WA-019F) on Sept. 11, 2012. The wolf weighed 82 lbs and was fitted with a GPS collar.

Biologist Ben Maletzke deployed cameras in the Blue Mountains to get a better idea of pack activity with potential trapping later in September. Maletzke is running a wolf trap line in the Lookout Pack area through Sept 21.

Wedge Pack update - As of September 17, 2012, no wolves have been removed from the Wedge pack.